ABSTRACT

1   A client on a network is provided with auxiliary low power logic, at the network adaptor,

2   that is always active and simulates network traffic (e.g., Ethernet format) normally sent under

3   control of the main client system processor(s). This logic collects client status information and

4   reports to the network manager, even when the system CPU is powered down, information

5   which allows the network manager to exercise broader control and perform maintenance and

6   upgrades which would otherwise require a dialog with the user and/or limit maintenance and

7   reconfiguration of the client system to off-hours activity.

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